

The President. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:15 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Marsha J. Evans, president and chief executive officer, American Red Cross; and W. Todd Bassett, national commander, Salvation Army.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 27

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared an emergency in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the parishes located in the path of Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 26 and continuing.

August 28

During the day, the President participated in a video teleconference with representatives of Federal and State emergency management organizations on Hurricane Katrina.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 24 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the counties located in the path of Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 27 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the counties located in the direct path of Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 28 and continuing.

August 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a briefing by Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael D. Brown on Hurricane Katrina. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Luke Air Force Base, Glendale, AZ. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Director Brown to further discuss Hurricane Katrina and recovery efforts. Upon arrival in Glendale, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Ruben and Rita Carroll.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to El Mirage, AZ. Later, they traveled to Rancho Cucamonga, CA, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Joe Graff.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Coronado, CA. Later, he had telephone conversations with Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Gov. Bob Riley of Alabama, and Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Louisiana to discuss Hurricane Katrina.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Katrina on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Katrina on August 29 and continuing.

August 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a briefing on Hurricane Katrina. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to San Diego, CA.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. Then, at the Naval Medical Center, they met with medical health care providers.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a video-conference on Hurricane Katrina and recovery efforts. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he viewed areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President had a meeting with the White House Task Force on Hurricane Katrina Recovery.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Saudi Arabia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Santanu K. Baruah to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emilio T. Gonzalez to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey D. Jarrett to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Ellen R. Sauerbrey to be Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

The President announced his intention to nominate Alexander R. Vershbow to be Ambassador to South Korea.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kenneth G. Prillaman as Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Alice S. Fisher as Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Peter Schaumber as a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

September 1

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Petty Officer Josh

Mitcheltree of the U.S. Coast Guard to express his appreciation for his efforts and the efforts of his colleagues in response to Hurricane Katrina. He then had a telephone conversation with Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael D. Brown to discuss recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina.

Later in the morning, the President participated in an interview with Diane Sawyer of ABC's "Good Morning America." He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada, in which the Prime Minister expressed his condolences on the damage and loss of life caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to discuss operational concerns and the security situation in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. He then participated in a briefing by his economic team on the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina.

Also in the afternoon, the President met with Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, and Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to discuss the security situation in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi of Malta for a meeting at the White House on October 3.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Georgi Purvanov of Bulgaria for a meeting at the White House on October 17.

The President announced a nationwide charitable fundraising effort to be led by former Presidents George Bush and William J. Clinton to aid the Gulf Coast victims of Hurricane Katrina.

September 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on Hurricane Katrina. He then met with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff; Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael D. Brown; Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore, USA, commanding general, First United States Army; Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN, commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Mobile, AL, where, upon arrival, he met with Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi and Gov. Bob Riley of Alabama. They then took a helicopter tour of the area damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Biloxi, MS, where he toured the area damaged by Hurricane Katrina. He then traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Louisiana. Later, they took an aerial tour of New Orleans.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Vladimir Putin of Russia to the White House on September 16.

The President verbally declared an emergency in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from and to provide emergency assistance to those areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President verbally declared an emergency in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from and to provide emergency assistance to those areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29 and continuing.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 27

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Louisiana

Released August 28

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Mississippi

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alabama

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Louisiana

Released August 29

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a teleconference briefing by HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Mark B. McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alabama

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Louisiana

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Mississippi

Fact sheet: New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit To Include Low-Cost Options

Released August 30

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan